

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [13] with the following amended paragraph:

--[13] Fig. 1 is a simplified block diagram of a system for generating customized images according to an embodiment of the present invention;--

Please replace paragraph [23] with the following amended paragraph:

--[23] According to an embodiment of the present invention, IGS 100 is configured to generate a customized image using one or more candidate digital images and a template digital image accessible to IGS 100. IGS 100 may receive the digital images to be used for generating the customized image from input devices 102 and/or from systems coupled to communication network 106. For example, according to an embodiment of the present invention, IGS 100 receives digital signals representative of the images from one or more input devices 102. The images, including the template image and one or more candidate images, may also be received by IGS 100 via user interface input devices of IGS 100. The customized digital image generated by IGS 100 may be stored by IGS 100 or may be communicated to one or more output devices 104 or other systems or devices via communication network 106.--